Charter - Board Committee on Member Relations & Communications

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A. Mission

The Board Committee on Member Relations & Communications (hereinafter "BCMRC" or the "committee") is charged with the responsibility of:

- 1. Enhancing the services the State Bar provides to members of the Bar, particularly ensuring that those services "add value" to members in their practice;
- 2. Improving communication with its stakeholders (e.g., bar members, the judiciary, and the general public); and
- 3. Formulating policies and objectives for the bar's legal services activities, in furtherance of the State Bar goal to "assure full and equal access of all persons, regardless of circumstances, to the legal system and the delivery of quality legal services."

B. Scope of Board Committee's Work:

In addition to the general activities described in the mission, the scope of the work of the Board Committee on Member Relations & Communications also includes the following specific activities:

- 1. Serving as editorial board for the *California Bar Journal*;
- 2. In conjunction with other relevant board committees, considering reports on minimum continuing legal education ("MCLE") as they relate to member relations;
- 3. Considering policies on access to justice and legal services delivery systems, coordinating with the Legal Committee, CORD, and the Board on the relevant unauthorized practice of law considerations:
- 4. Selecting and recommending award recipients;
- 5. Recommending appointments to external entities and to the various committees of the Bar that relate to member relations, communications, and the delivery of legal services (both programmatic and administrative); and
- 6. Reviewing and making recommendations to the Board of Governors on all relevant policy matters in the areas of member relations, communications, legal services, and all other areas of Board committee responsibility which require Board action or consent.

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